

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 432**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOHN C. BOHLINGER**, on April 18, 2001  
at 5:20 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John C. Bohlinger, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe McKenney, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)  
Rep. James Whitaker (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeanne Forrester, Committee Secretary  
Gordon Higgins, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Posted: SB 432, 4/18/2001

#### **SB 432**

**SEN. JOHN BOHLINGER** said SB 432 was referred to this committee  
for the purpose of new amendments.

**Andy Poole, Department of Commerce**, passed out a copy of a letter  
and suggested amendments from **Mae Nan Ellingson**  
**EXHIBIT(frs87sb0432a01)**.

**SEN. MIKE TAYLOR** said it would be good if **Greg Petesch** concurs  
with the amendments from **Ms. Ellingson**, but he said he was

willing to put the amendments on the bill, since they could not find **Mr. Petesch**. He said they could at least address the issue and check with **Mr. Petesch** later, to see if he would approve them.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. HARRINGTON moved TO REJECT THE EARLIER AMENDMENTS ON SB 432. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** SEN. TAYLOR moved that SB 432 BE AMENDED **EXHIBIT**(frs87sb0432a02) SB043205.agh and **EXHIBIT**(frs87sb0432a03) SB043206.agh.

**Discussion:**

SEN. TAYLOR explained the amendments. He also said he realized there was a difference of opinion between **Ms. Ellingson** and **Mr. Petesch**. He said he felt these amendments would address the issue of having this bill in place, if the Venture Star Project becomes a reality.

**Mr. Higgins** said he did not find fault in the letter from **Ms. Ellingson**, but he did recommend some of the committee members meet with **Mr. Petesch** to see if he would accede from his position.

SEN. BOHLINGER suggested in order to move this bill forward, adopt these amendments, then at the first opportunity tomorrow morning, visit with **Mr. Petesch**.

**Vote:** The motion that SB 432 BE AMENDED carried unanimously. REP. JEFF MANGAN voted by proxy.

SEN. BOHLINGER asked SEN. TAYLOR, **Mr. Higgins**, and **Mr. Poole** to meet with **Mr. Petesch** in the morning. He said if the amendments met with **Mr. Petesch's** approval, they would hear the bill in the Senate tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

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SEN. JOHN C. BOHLINGER, Chairman

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JEANNE FORRESTER, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (frs87sb0432aad)**